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The Bush Hotel is a two-story structure measuring approximately 20 by 42 feet of stuccoed brick facing southeast (hereinafter referred to as South) oriented to the old Post Road, the principal street of the eighteenth century county seat, Harford Town or Bush. The gable-roofed structure is expressed as five bays on its south facade and three on its north; on the south front the bay west of center in the first story and east of center in the second is void of a window opening; on the north facade, the center bay in the second story is void of a window opening and the door in the first story is close to the easterly bay. The center window in the second story of the south and the west window in the north facade have been reduced in size. Sash are 2/2 with horizontal panes, ca. 1960 replacements of earlier 2/2 sash, the latter themselves replacements of the originals. The west end chimney is flush with the west end wall of the structure while the east end chimney projects partially from the east end wall; sloping shoulders immediately above the second story fireplace reduce the north-south dimension of that chimney. Most windows appear to retain earlier heavy frames, covered with plain boards to receive louvred blinds, now removed. The transom above the south front door appears original with four 8 inch by 10 inch lights.

Cornices are of plain wood and a wide shed-roofed dormer was added about 1960 to the north roof slope to increase third story headroom. A pair of small windows flanking

each end chimney lights the attic story.

Doors through the west end wall in both storys, south of the chimney, open to porches added about 1960; these doors opened into a west wing addition, now removed.

A brick wall dividing the interior into two principal spaces extends through the structure immediately west of the south front door. The open staircase rises immedia opposite the door to an intermediate landing against the north wall; from the landing it divides and rises east and west in two short flights to those respective rooms of the second story. An enclosed staircase extends to the attic immediately above the lower flight of the principal stair and one extends to the cellar beneath the same. Each of the four rooms has a fireplace but the one in the west room of the first story has been closed. The west chimney serves a large fireplace in the basement, probably designed for cooking. Exterior entrances to the basement are through the north and south walls close to the west end but the latter one has been eliminated.

First floor joists, exposed in the basement, are original as is part of a hewn oak mortised-and-tenoned doorframe in the brick partition in the basement. The beaded baseboards of the upper flights of the staircase appear original, suggesting that the stair arrangement is original. An unmoulded six-panel door in the second story, probably not in its original location, is early and the outline of removed chair rail is visible in the southwest corner in the second story.

In short, original work includes the basic form, including exterior walls and window locations, the chimneys, at least the roof shape, the basic plan, first floor joists, some window frames, a transom, some baseboard associated with the stair and a door. All other surfaces were refinished in the renovations of ca. 1960 and all other remaining early details were removed at that time.

Several photographs are preserved of the building prior to the ca. 1960

renovations:

- 1. from the southwest, ca. 1950-55
- 2, 3. from the southwest and northeast, October 1956
- 4. from the southeast, Feb. 1957

(See Continuation Sheet #1.)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although it may not be the only structural survivor, the Bush Hotel is the most well-known and visible vestige of the town of Bush or Harford Town. The original form and proportions of the hotel are still apparent despite the severe alterations, and indicate a late 18th or very early 19th century date. A large stone external chimney on the house immediately west of the hotel and the corner chimney and general form of the house immediately north of the hotel suggest that they too may date from the time of Bush Town.

The role of this specific building in the town of Bush has remained an enigma. Bush was the first county seat in Harford County after it was divided from Baltimore County in 1773. Located on the main highway between the north and the south (the Post Road), Bush also provided a stopping-place for stagecoach travelers and a meeting place for statesmen. It is perhaps most famous as the site where the Bush Declaration--heralded as the first declaration of independence--was signed by 34 local sitizens on March 22, 1775.

The configuration of the town can only be guessed. It is thought that a court-house was never built (the county seat was removed to Bel Air in 1782), but that public meetings were held in one of the two taverns. One source states that in 1800, Bush had 130 inhabitants, two taverns, two stores, cooper, wheelwright and blacksmith shops, a merchant mill, and a tanyard.

Most sources agree that there were two taverns in Bush from the time of the Revolution until at least 1830. Names of the innkeepers in chronological order are listed as: Joseph Stiles, Abraham Andrews, John H. Barney, Gabriel Van Horn, Peryrin (?) Nowland, Nowland's widow, Jacob Miller, David Maulsby. However, none of those names can be matched to this structure, and its history can only be taken back to 1835.

The Ozmons, who purchased the property in 1856, definitely ran a hotel here. In 1876, it was purchased by William F. Pannell, who owned Harford Furnace from 1861 until 1867 and, subsequently, much property in the area. The 1878 Martenet's Map refers to it as "the Bush Hotel," and it has been known as such since then.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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The Bush Hotel
7. DESCRIPTION

Demolished in the ca. 1960 renovation was a west wing, about 20 by 24 feet in size, nearly three full storys in height with a roof coincidental with the original to the east. Its first floor was at grade and ceiling heights appear to have been considerably lower. Of three bays in length, of stuccoes masonry (probably brick) construction with a flush chimney in the west gable end, only the first story had an opening in the central bay--a door-- and that bay was void of openings above. The third story windows, half in the masonry wall and half above it in dormers, were rare early examples of a window form popularized in the twentieth century revivals of early American architecture. The corbeled brick cornice together with the wing's general form suggests that it dated from the first half of the nineteenth century.

A two-bay, two-story frame structure extended north of the now-demolished west wing; it was removed prior to the October 1956 photograph. Its gabled roof ridge was aligned approximately with the west end wall of the west wing and it appears to have been separate from the west wind by a foot or two. A window in both storys faced south through its gable end and a door opened into the first story from each bay on its west facade. Second story windows of the west facade were very small. An internal chimney was at its north end. Standing seam tin covered its roof.

A one-story shed-roofed porch extended across the south front of the original portion of this structure, removed in the ca. 1960 alterations. Louvred blinds with movable louvres in their lower panels, were hung at most windows and standing-seam tin covered all roofs. The stucco was scored in imitation of coursed ashlar.

North of the structure are four low stone walls describing a rectangle approximately 12 by 14 1/2 feet, with a door opening approximately centered in the southerly wall. Although a private cemetery has been suggested as the reason for these walls, they probably represent the ruins of a meat house.

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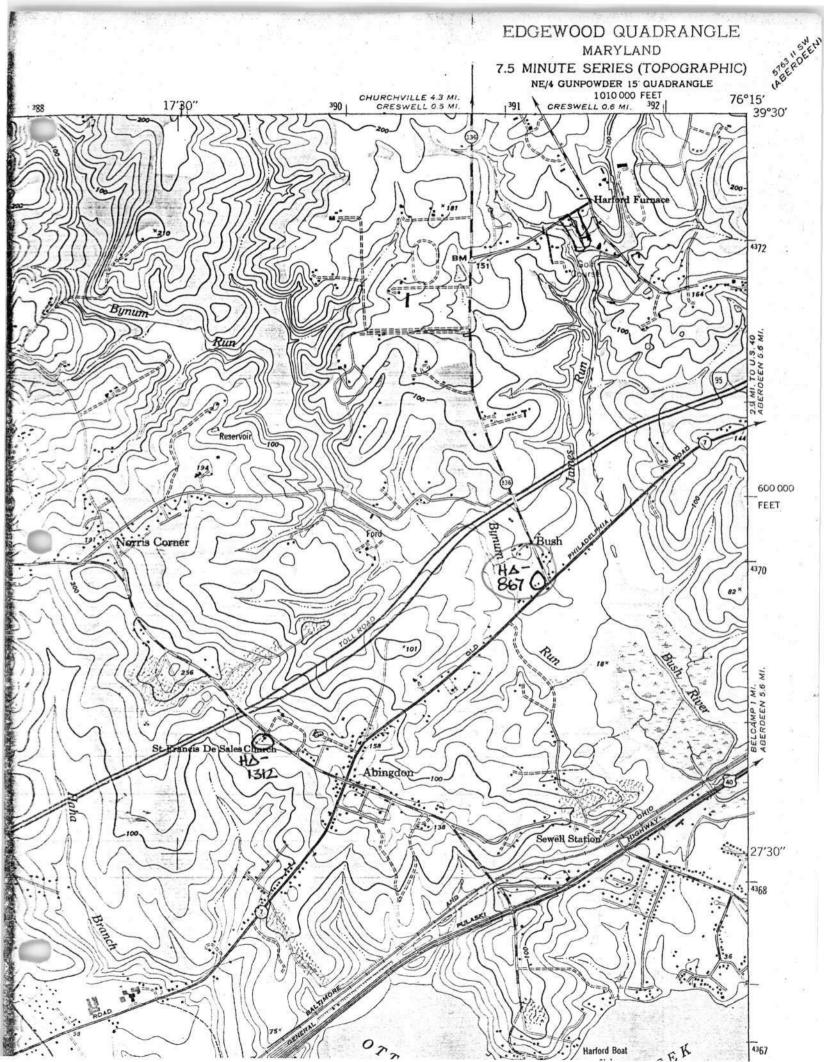
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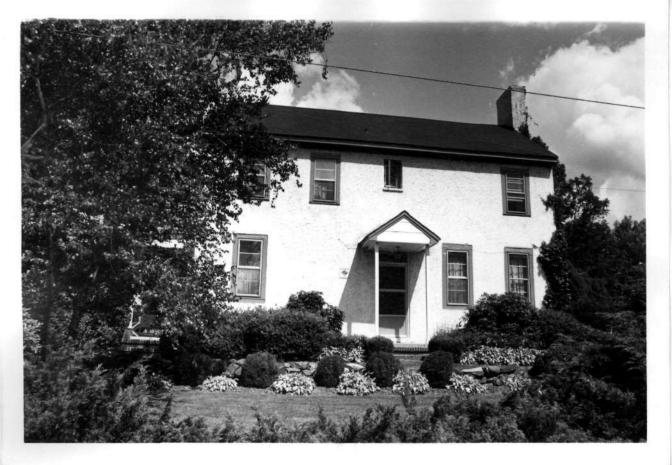
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HDG	37	412	11/26/1851	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Albert Constable, representing Thomas C. Hanson, died seized and possessed John McGaw 1/4 acre

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Since the time of the previous survey, several obvious changes have been made to the building's exterior. At least some of the windows have been replaced. Non-functional shutters have been installed to flank these windows. A handicapped ramp, somewhat shielded by latticework, has been installed, and the formerly open end porch has been enclosed and sheathed in vinyl siding. The roof balustrade of the porch has also been replaced.

Although not a pristine example of its period of construction, the current level of integrity of the house is similar to that at the time of the previous survey.



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